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SUBJECT: TOAST THEMES FOR POSSIBLE VISIT TO TRINIDAD AND
TOBAGO BY THE SECRETARY

REF: A) STATE 93414, B) THYDEN/RICH TELECON APR 22

1. FOLLOWING THEMES AND SUGGESTIONS ARE FOR POSSIBLE
UTILIZATION BY ARA/CAR IN DRAFTING TOASTS, ARRIVAL STATE-
MENT, ETC. FOR PROSPECTIVE VISIT BY THE SECRETARY TO
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO:

2. POSITIVE THEMES:

---COMMON COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND FREE
ELECTIONS (NOTE: VISIT MAY TAKE PLACE IMMEDIATELY
AFTER NATIONAL ELECTION IN TRINIDAD.)

---COMMON COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS (INCLUDING INDEPEN-
DENT JUDICIARY)

---COMMON LANGUAGE AND HERITAGE OF FREE INSTITUTIONS

---RELIANCE ON INDIVIDUAL INITIATIVE

---COMMITMENT TO PEACE, FREEDOM, AND INDEPDNENCE

---LEGENDARY FRIENDLINESS AND HOSPITALITY OF TRINIDAD

(NOTE: MUST BE DISTINGUISHED FROM TOURISM, SINCE TRINIDAD
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DOES NOT THINK OF ITSELF AS PRIMARILY A TOURIST NATION AND IS

PROUD THAT IT IS NOT DEPENDENT UPON TOURISM AS ARE MANY OF
SMALLER TERRITORIES IN CARIBBEAN.)

---COMMITMENT TO GOAL OF MAJORITY RULE IN SOUTHERN
AFRICA

---DYNAMIC CONTRIBUTION OF FREE ENTERPRISE

---TRINIDAD'S MAJOR ENERGY-BASED INDUSTRIALIZATION
PROGRAM (NOTE: SIGNIFICANT PARTICIPATION BY AND
CONTRACTS WITH AMERICAN INDUSTRY, IN CONFORMITY
WITH TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO'S REQUIREMENTS FOR
JOINT-VENTURE INVESTMENT AND MAJORITY LOCAL PARTICIPATION)

---TRINIDAD AS EXAMPLE OF POSITIVE MIXTURE AND
HARMONIZATION OF RACES AND PEOPLES FROM MANY ORIGINS
INTO DYNAMIC LOCAL MOSAIC; MULTI-RACIAL CHARACTER
OF BOTH OF OUR SOCIETIES

---COMMITMENT TO CONSULT ON ISSUES OF COMMON CONCERN

---DEDICATION OF BOTH NATIONS TO CONCLUSION OF COMPRE-
HENSIVE LAW OF THE SEA TREATY

---RICHNESS OF OUR MUTUAL CULTURAL INTERCHANGE. (SEE
PARAGRAPH FOUR BELOW.)

---TRINIDAD CARNIVAL (NEXT TO RIO THE MOST LAVISH AND
BEST KNOWN IN THE HEMISPHERE, YET STILL A FESTIVAL
OF ALL THE PEOPLE AND NOT EXCLUSIVE GROUPS)

---COMMON STRUGGLE AGAINST FASCISM IN WORLD WAR II
(MANY TRINIDADIAN NOW PROMINENT IN THE SOCIETY
SERVED WITH DISTINCTION WITH BRITISH FORCES IN
EUROPE. ALSO, U.S. MAINTAINED SIGNIFICANT U.S.

NAVAL STATION AND ARMY AIR BASE IN TRINIDAD; NAVAL
STATION WAS ONLY CLOSED IN 1967.)

3. PERSONAL MATERIAL:

---THE PROBABLE HOST FOR THE DINNER WILL BE GOVERNOR
GENERAL SIR ELLIS CLARKE, WHO WILL BY JUNE BE INSTALLED
AS FIRST PRESIDENT UNDER NEW REPUBLICAN CONSTITUTION.
SINCE SIR ELLIS WAS HIS COUNTRY'S FIRST AMBASSADOR
TO WASHINGTON AND FILLED THAT POST FOR ELEVEN YEARS,
APPROPRIATE COMMENT MIGHT BE MADE TO THE EFFECT
THAT THE SECRETARY CAN HARDLY TELL THE PRESIDENT
ANYTHING NEW ABOUT THE UNITED STATES.

---FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH SUGGESTED IN RELATION TO PRIME
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MINISTER WILLIAMS: QUOTE: IT YOU WILL PERMIT ME TO
OFFER ONE OF MY CHARACTERISTICALLY MODEST OPINIONS --
ANY COUNTRY THAT CHOOSES TO ELECT A UNIVERSITY
PROFESSOR, ESPECIALLY A HISTORIAN, TO HEAD ITS
GOVERNMENT, AND THEN HAVE THE FURTHER GOOD SENSE
TO RE-ELECT HIM AGAIN THIS YEAR, NATURALLY GETS
VERY HIGH MARKS ON MY GRADING SCALE. UNQUOTE
---SECRETARY LAST MET WITH DR. WILLIAMS IN WASHINGTON

IN FEBRUARY 1975.

4. PROMINENT AMERICAN CITIZENS AND RESIDENTS OF
TRINIDADIAN ORIGIN:

---LT. GOVERNOR MERVYN DYMALLY OF CALIFORNIA; ELECTED
LT. GOVERNOR IN 1974 BY LARGER STATE-WIDE MARGIN THAN
EVEN GOVERNOR BROWN.

---KENNISTON MCSHINE: CURATOR OF ART AND SCULPTURE OF
THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART IN NEW YORK CITY.

---CHRISTIAN HOLDER: PREMIER MALE DANCER WITH THE
JOFFREY BALLET

---GEOFFREY HOLDER: PRODUCER AND DIRECTOR OF "WIZ," THE
HIT MUSICAL SHOW CURRENTLY PLAYING ON BROADWAY.

5. ORIGINAL TRINIDADIAN CULTURAL CONTRIBUTIONS:
THE FOLLOWING POPULAR CULTURE FORMS ORIGINATED IN
TRINIDAD:

---STEEL BAND ("PAN") MUSIC

---CALYPSO MUSIC

---THE LIMBO DANCE

6. ARCANA:

---JOHN PUAL JONES LIVED ON TOBAGO AS MERCHANT AND SHIP
CAPTAIN FOR THREE YEARS SHORTLY BEFORE THE FOMATION
OF THE CONTINENTAL NAVY.

7. POSSIBLE PARAGRAPHS FOR USE:

QUOTE: I AM CONFIDENT THAT OUR COUNTRIES ARE TOGETHER
EQUAL TO THE CHALLENGES AHEAD. TOGETHER, WE CAN
CONTINUE THE SEARCH FOR REALISTIC WAYS TO REDUCE
INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS AND MAINTAIN GOLBAL STABILITY.
TOGETHER WE CAN EHLP TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF ENERGY
AND FOOD THAT STUBBORNLY IMPEDE PROGRESS IN SATIS-
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FYING THE CRITICAL NEED FOR BALANCED DEVELOPMENT
THROUGHOUT THE REGION.

QUOTE: STEADY AND BALANCED INDUSTRIAL GROWTH, THE ESTAB-
LISHMENT OF NEW TRADING EQUILIBRIUM, AND IMPROVED AND
EQUITABLE ACCESS TO RESOURCES AND TECHNOLOGY ARE
VITAL PRIORITIES IN THIS HEMISPHERE.

QUOTE: FOR OUR PART, WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO OUR UTMOST
TO EXPAND YOUR ACCESS TO UNITED STATES MARKETS AND TO
CONSULT IN POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SECURITY ISSUES OF
COMMON CONCERN. WITH REGARD FOR OUR HISTORIC BONDS
OF FRIENDSHIP, BUT WITH RESPECT FOR OUR DIVERSITY, WE
IN THE AMERICAS CAN MOVE CONFIDENTLY TO PROMOTE OUR
COMMON OBJECTIVES AND AT THE SAME TIME SET AN EXAMPLE

FOR GLOBAL COOPERATION.

QUOTE: I THEREFORE PROPOSE A TOAST: TO THE FUTURE
OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, TO THE FRIENDSHIP AND GOOD WILL THAT
WE HAVE SO LONG SHARED, AND TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC, SIR ELLIS CLARKE. UNQUOTE
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